

COUNCIL SERVICES

Council Services provides support services to the Albuquerque City Council. City Council is the governing body charged with setting long-term goals and short-term objectives, enacting policy, adopting a budget for the operations of city government, and coordinating with other agencies. Albuquerque is divided into nine districts. Each district is represented by one councillor elected by district residents. Councillors serve a four-year term and may succeed themselves in office. Each candidate for Councillor must be a resident of the District prior to the date of filing of the declaration of candidacy and a qualified voter of the City.

The Council has the power to adopt all ordinances, resolutions or other legislation conducive to the welfare of the people of the city and not inconsistent with the city charter, and shall not perform any executive functions except those functions assigned to the Council by the charter.

Council meetings are open to the public and are conducted on a regular basis.

Council establishes and adopts by ordinance and resolution five-year goals and one-year objectives. These goals and objectives are reviewed and revised annually by the Council. They also review and approve or amend all budgets of the City and adopt policies, plans, programs

and legislation consistent with established goals and objectives.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 HIGHLIGHTS

The FY/07 budget proposal is \$2.5 million and is an 18.2% increase over the FY/06 approved budget of \$2.1 million. This budget also includes \$70 thousand for a 3.5% proposed compensation increase for all permanent employees in FY/07. Also included in this proposal is funding in the amount of \$278 thousand for four additional policy analysts and two intern positions. This additional staff allows for a constituent contact for each Council District and allows support staff for each Councilor thereby providing better constituent service. Technical adjustments account for the remainder of the increase in the department.

The FY/07 proposed budget is a consensus budget developed by City and Council staff through the direction of the Budget Review Committee.

Various requests by the City Council have been incorporated into the proposed FY/07 department budgets. These requests include funding for more area, regional and community plans, enforcement and enhancement of zoning codes, continuation of the War on Weeds project, the development of a strategic plan for the balloon museum, and expanded westside transit services.

(\$000's)	ACTUAL FY/05	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY/06	REVISED BUDGET FY/06	ESTIMATED ACTUAL FY/06	PROPOSED BUDGET FY/07	PROP 07/ EST ACT 06 CHG
PROGRAM STRATEGY SUMMARY BY GOAL:						
GOAL 8: GOVERNMENTAL EXCELLENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS						
<u>GENERAL FUND - 110</u>						
Council Services	1,811	2,105	2,320	2,274	2,489	215
TOTAL GOAL - 8	<u>1,811</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>2,320</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>2,489</u>	<u>215</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>1,811</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>2,320</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>2,489</u>	<u>215</u>
TOTAL FULL TIME POSITIONS	21	21	21	21	25	4